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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application before examination and calculation of the filing fee as follows:

## **STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-16 are pending as follows:

1. (Original) A connector comprising a housing and a required number of pusher members, said housing including a fitting aperture into which at least three flexible printed circuit boards are inserted, said housing further including an insertion opening for holding said required number of pusher members so that when said flexible printed circuit boards are inserted into said fitting aperture of said housing, contact portions of said at least three flexible printed

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